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**In re Application of** §      **Art Group:** 2635  
**Hall, David R., et al.**      §      **Examiner:**  
**Serial No.: 10/612,255**      §  
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**For: Transmission Element for Downhole**      §  
**Drilling Components**      §

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**Honorable Commissioner for Patents**  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is a preliminary amendment filed in the above captioned Patent application. Entry and consideration of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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